

Newsletter



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Next TCA general meeting will be held Thur 25 March

From the President

It's 2010 and the Taroonas Community Association is leaping back into action bringing local news and information to your homes.

We started the year with a spectacular event to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Batchelor's Grave, Tasmania's oldest known marked European Grave located at Crayfish Point. On 28 January over 150 spectators including residents, politicians and media gathered at Crayfish Point to witness a re-enactment of James Batchelor's burial. The beautiful *Windward Bound* played a major role as the Indian Schooner *The Venus* coming in to anchor off Taroonas Beach in perfect weather. There were many Taroonas people who assisted in bringing the event together, but foremost the TCA thanks Peter Gee who facilitated the re-enactment. Without his passion and enthusiasm for our local history, the re-enactment would never have come together with such finesse. We also wish to thank both the Tasmanian Government and Kingborough Council for sponsoring the event. A more detailed account of the day can be found in the newsletter.

Channel Highway news

In January the TCA with the Taroonas Primary and High School Associations met with the Minister for Infrastructure to discuss the ongoing issue of pedestrian safety along the Channel Highway. Over the past 10 years there has been considerable community concern conveyed to both Kingborough Council & DIER about implementing measures to allow pedestrians to cross the highway safely. Issues on the table at the meeting included the first and easiest measure of reducing the speed limit along the highway through Taroonas to 50km per hour. This would be consistent with trends of reducing road speeds throughout urban areas in Tasmania and other Australian cities, increasing safety for pedestrians and vehicles and making our cities people and bike friendly.

In the coming month DIER will be mailing out a survey to householders seeking your views on this issue. We encourage residents to participate in the survey, and take the time to think about making Taroonas a safer, more sustainable and pedestrian friendly suburb to live in.

As part of this process of community consultation, DIER's Director, Traffic & Infrastructure, Simon Buxton will be speaking at the TCA's general meeting on Channel Highway Safety issues on Thursday evening, 25 March. Please come along to hear him and share your views.

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Calendar

March

- Sat 13 Taroonas Football club BBQ
Kelvedon Park 4:30pm
- Sun 14 TEN Working bee 2-4pm
- Sun 21 TNG Education session 3:00pm
- Thur 25 TCA general meeting 7:30pm**
Channel Highway safety
- Sat 27 Earth Hour 8:30pm
- Sun 28 Taroonas Sunday Market

April

- Thur 1 Ladies coffee morning at St Lukes
10:30am
- Fri 2 Good Fri services
- Sun 4 Easter services
- Wed 7 Gardening forum meeting
- Sun 11 TEN Working bee 2-4pm
- Sun 18 Adult/child social Tennis Club day

May

- Sun 2 TEN Working bee 2-4pm
- Wed 5 Gardening Forum meeting
- Thur 6 Ladies coffee morning at St Lukes
10:30am
- Sat 29 Guided tours at St Pius Church
- Sun 30 Guided tours of St. Pius Church

June

- Wed 2 Gardening Forum meeting
- Thur 3 Ladies coffee morning at St Lukes
10:30am
- Sun 6 TEN working bee 2-4pm

Name our newsletter competition

Send us your ideas for a new title (and/or masthead) for the community newsletter and win a prize (to be determined). Email to: newsletter-editor@taroonas.as.au before beginning of May.

Earth Hour – 8:30pm Sat 27 Mar 2010

Show the world that Taroonas cares!

From the President (continued)

Foreshore Walking Tracks

We have been informed that a report is to be presented to Council regarding the issue of the unresolved titles along the foreshore walking track extending between Seaview Avenue and Melinga Place in April. It is unknown at this stage what will be recommended but the Council is very aware that the TCA has a keen interest in this issue and is endeavouring to hear our concerns.

In the absence of the resolution of this issue, the Council has in the interim, decided to upgrade a degraded section of the track that extends from the end of Nubeena Crescent, with a new section to be built around the base of Kelvedon Oval to Flinders Esplanade. This area was extremely muddy and hazardous during last winter – so it's planned improvement is welcomed. The current rough walking pad extending between Nubeena Crescent and Flinders Esplanade overlooking the oval is also to be upgraded to a formed gravel walking track.

Earth Hour every hour

At 8.30pm on Saturday, 27 March 2010, millions of people from around the world will join together for Earth Hour.

Together, we can show how lots of little actions add up to one big statement on climate change. **During Earth Hour, Turn off the lights.** This action says we care about planet Earth and we want others to care too.

The theme for 2010 is **Earth Hour every hour**. This doesn't mean living in the dark for the rest of your life! It does mean doing something to care for the planet at work or at home all year round. So show the world that Taroona is committed to helping and turn your lights off at 8.30pm for one hour. If you want to find out what else you can do visit www.earthhour.org.au

There is so much to read in the first 2010 issue of the TCA newsletter. Hope you enjoy it! **Jill Hickie, President**

Join the Taroona Playgroup

Playgroup is held at the Taroona Community Hall on Batchelor Way every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm during school terms. Cost is \$3 per family per week plus a piece of fruit to share.

Taroona Playgroup is a free play environment for pre-school children, toddlers and babies. Children enjoy a wide range of toys, play equipment and activities including painting, drawing, sand-play, play-dough, music, craft and bike riding in a safe indoor-outdoor setting.

Playgroup is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and carers of children in your local community. Morning tea is provided. Newcomers are always welcome throughout the year.

For more information visit Taroona Playgroup on Tuesdays, see the Taroona Playgroup website <http://taroona.tas.au/playgroup> or phone Jennifer on 6227 8554.



2010-a big year for the Taroona Scout Group

As our membership numbers have increased we are able to provide an increasingly busy and rewarding 2010 programme of activities.

Your Taroona Scouts are doing their bit towards the extinction of the young Australian couch potato!

New trailer from successful Tas Community Fund grant.

Towards the end of 2009 our old trailer finally had to be retired which put us in a difficult situation for transporting canoes and various Scouting equipment. That was the bad news. The fantastic good news is that the Tasmanian Government in recognition of the important role of community youth organisations has funded its replacement. We look forward to delivery of the new trailer in time for the March long week end Scout and Guide regatta to be held at Snug.

2009 concluded with five of our cubs gaining their Grey Wolf award; the Cub equivalent of the top ranked Queens Scout award. Congratulations to Nick, Alice, Freya, Isabel & Tanechot- also a very proud moment for Cub Scout leader Emma and assistant Daniel.

New members and leaders welcome

Although we are enjoying a full Cub pack and large Scout group, we are always keen to welcome both new youth members and leaders. More leaders translates into the ability for us to provide the opportunity for more to join in the experience and joy of scouting.

For Scout information please contact either Simon on 6227 8204 or Mike Green 6227 9139.



Taroona Environment Network

Members of the Taroona Environment Network (TEN) invite you to assist us to maintain native biodiversity along our spectacular Taroona

coastal foreshore. Consult our website <http://ten.org.au> to keep track of activities such as working bees (first Sunday of each month, 2-4pm) to remove weeds, collect seed, propagate and plant. Keeping control of weeds after the winter and spring rains last year has been a major task, stretching the resources of Kingborough Council and requiring countless volunteer hours of TEN members. We seek to engage all of you to assist us prevent garden escapes, and remove rampant banana passion fruit, blackberry, boneseed, cotoneaster, mirror bush, red valerian etc. from your home grounds. Included with this TCA newsletter is our working bee schedule for the year, and also our latest brochure *Habitat Gardening*, showcasing 36 Taroona native plants, what they look like, and what native fauna they attract.

"Nature is not a place to visit. It is home" [Gary Snyder].

Gustaaf Hallegraeff, TEN President. Ph.62279570

Taroona Football Club

Welcome back BBQ – Saturday 13 March – Kelvedon Park

All TFC players (Youth and Senior), parents and supporters are invited to the 2010 Welcome Back BBQ.

The Senior Men's team will be playing Olympia Warriors in the first Premier League Home game of 2010 starting at 2:30pm which will be followed by a BBQ starting at around 4.30pm. Drinks will also be available. TFC Committee Members will be in attendance and can answer any questions that you might have about registration, grading etc.

Please come along to support your club and help celebrate the start of the season.

Possums Playcentre News

Possums Playcentre began its early years learning sessions on Monday February 15, 2010 in the Taroona Community Hall from 9am until 12 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Term 1.

There are vacancies for our Monday and Wednesday sessions.

For more information please visit our website at www.possumsplaycentre.org.au or phone Lyn Long on 0418 390 432.

Taroona Tennis Club News

The Taroona Tennis Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009. Two events were held to mark the occasion. On October 4th a BBQ/fun day was held. Tennis activities were conducted for children and Kingborough Mayor, Dr. Graham Bury, launched the book compiled by Bill Cromer to document the first fifty years of the Club. The book is called *The First Fifty Years: Taroona Tennis Club 1959-2009*, and is available for \$40 per copy.

On October 17 an anniversary dinner was held at the Taroona Bowls Club and 83 people including Mayor Bury and Councillor David Grace and their wives attended. The evening was very enjoyable and many tennis memories were exchanged.

The Club is prospering. Junior coaching takes place twice a week, there are numerous social groups, ladies are involved in mid-week ladies pennant and there are ample opportunities for family and friendship groups to use the courts.

This year the Club Championships will be held during the weekends of 10-11 April and 17-18 April and a child/adult social day will also be held on 18 April. All are welcome at the latter. Simply arrive at the courts by 10.00am.

Contact Diane Balding on 6227 9232 with any queries about tennis activities.

Record result 2009 Scout garage sale

Our Taroona Scout 2009 Garage sale was a record success with nearly \$2,500 raised. Last year's annual Christmas tree sale run by Janet also made a significant contribution toward Group activities. A big thank you to our Taroona community!

Batchelor Grave 200 Year Commemoration

On 28 January 1810, the mates of James Batchelor sewed his body into his hammock and rowed him ashore for burial. James, second or possibly first mate on the ship *Venus*, died at sea on the voyage to Hobart from Calcutta. We do not know how he died or why his shipmates decided to bury him on land rather than at sea, but on that day they dug a grave on the shore at Crayfish Point on the banks of the Derwent Estuary. Later a sandstone slab was roughly engraved and placed on the grave.

Two hundred years later, on the same day, about 150 people gathered in the sunshine on Crayfish point to witness the re-enactment of the event and to commemorate the 200th anniversary of what is believed to be the oldest surviving marked European grave in Tasmania.

Close to 11am the fair ship *Venus (Windeward Bound)* anchored off Taroona Beach and sailors loaded the body into a dinghy, rowed it ashore and carried it solemnly up the slope to a point near the grave. Actor Nick Falk conducted a short but dignified ceremony and their 'mate' was committed to the grave.

Afterwards, the 21st Century mourners heard informative talks from local history buff Peter Gee and National Parks and Wildlife archaeologist Mike Nash before morning tea near the beach.

Our thank you

The Taroona Community Association would like to thank the following for their help in making the event so successful: Captain Sarah Parry and crew of the *Windeward Bound*, Nick Falk, who played Captain Eber Bunker, Andy Gamlin for use of wooden dinghy, Kingborough Council and Mayor Graeme Bury, the State Government, Taroona Bowls Club (Tracey Lord), Peter Gee and the ABC, Mike Nash and National Parks and Wildlife Service, Glasser and Parker Menswear (for the 'body'), Liz Hayward (design of invitation) and the many residents who helped to publicise the event, and all who attended.

Tasmania's Smallest reserve

The grave, now the focus of Tasmania's smallest State Reserve, is located on the foreshore track at the northern end of Taroona Beach. There are interpretative signs at the grave.

More information and a link to the podcast of the ABC news item can be found at <http://taroona.tas.au>

Historic Church opens to public

St Pius X Church, Taroona will participate in Heritage Tasmania's "Open Doors" Festival on 29 and 30 May.

The church was designed by the famous architect, J. Esmond Dorney in 1957 and constructed by Frank Ingram in 1958. The interior of the church features extensive use of varnished plywood panels and glass. All are inset into flat steel framing. The church is accepted as the first modernist church in Australia and is heritage listed. Guided tours of the church will be conducted on Saturday, 29 May between 2 and 3.30pm, and Sunday, 30 May from 11am to 12 noon and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The church is located down the hill at 100 Channel Highway, Taroona.

Time now to rejoin the Community Library

Opening hours (closed Public holidays):

Monday	10. 30am – 2. 30pm
Friday	10. 30am – 4. 30pm
Saturday	10. 30am – 12noon
Sunday Market (last Sun monthly)	10. 00am – 3. 30pm

Run by community volunteers and located in the shopping Centre. \$10 pa. We will also be open on Market Sundays, when tea and coffee will be served at the Library, courtesy St Luke's Church.

Anyone interested in joining book clubs? Ring June Flood for details ph 62278628

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden

Come along to the TNG education workshops which run regularly in the garden. The next topic *Grow Your Own Garlic* will be held on **Sunday, 21 March at 3.00pm**. Gold coin donation appreciated. Further information contact Caro on 6227 8468.

Taroona Community Association Inc.

The Taroona Community Association is a non-profit group established on 14 June 1996 to serve and represent the community of Taroona. Meetings are open to all residents and an annual meeting elects a committee to conduct the Association's business.

To join the Taroona Community Association, send your name and address with \$10 subscription to the Treasurer, Karl van Drunen, phone 6227 8552

President: Jill Hickie, 4 Devon Walk, Taroona.

Secretary: Roger Kellaway, 35 Delta Avenue

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Contributions to the Taroona website can be sent to web officer, Deidre Brown at taroona@taroona.tas.au

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or addressed to The TCA Editor, 5 Rowan Court, Taroona.

Taroona Uniting Church

No.1 Taroona Crescent, Taroona.

We have a worship service each Sunday at 9.15pm, all the regular attendees being recent retirees or long-time pensioners. The usual attendance is about 11. Although our numbers are small, we are a friendly, supportive group. Visitors and new members always welcome. There is more information about us on the Taroona Community website.

Introducing our new Taroona Fire Brigade First Officer – Michael Byrn

Our brigade has been busy recently attending fires at Bushy Park and Wayatinah over many days. As we are expecting the remainder of summer and early autumn to be dry and warm, we urge all residents to remain vigilant and take the time to prepare their properties and their bushfire plans. For more information people should see our website or the TFS site at www.fire.tas.gov.au

Thank you to Neil Cripps

Following our recent September 2009 elections, Neil Cripps who has been an Officer for seven years and First Officer for the last five is standing down. Neil oversaw the brigade through some trying times especially in regard to membership numbers. The brigade thanks him for his service, his persistence and patience.

In September, the following officers were elected:

First Officer – Michael Byrn of Sandy Bay

Second Officer – Simon Enman of Taroona

Third Officer – Steve Watchorn of Taroona

Leading Fire Fighters – Simon Cooper, Nick Enman, Neil Cripps

Our controlled burning program

For small burns, residents are encouraged to contact the brigade directly, through the website at www.taroonafirebrigade.org.

For large burns or hazard concerns, please contact Kingborough Council. They will work with the brigade to assess large burns and determine the best course of action.

Training is conducted weekly on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm and members are expected to attend at least 50% of training nights.

Michael Byrn, First Officer Taroona Fire Brigade

www.taroonafirebrigade.org

Bayside Meats

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